

Housekeeping

What We're Working On

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- PBCC's contract on environmental cleaning services expires at the end of June 2008. We plan to rebid this contract in the springtime of the coming year. At the present time, we directly purchase and supply all paper products to both our vendor and for the areas still being cleaned by our staff. We therefore have the ability to control what is used and use products with recycle content.
- In the coming contract we are planning to also purchase and provide all cleaning chemicals and solutions to ensure that they are Green Seal products. Currently, we are beginning a trial period of switching our floor care over to the Host Floor Care System which is a completely dry, environmentally friendly system for cleaning carpet and tile surfaces. Assuming this works as well as our initial research shows, we plan to mandate this type of floor cleaning system also in our new contract.
- Some of the chemicals we currently use for the cleaning of buildings are Green Seal products, but not all. During Nov. 2008, we scheduled 5 suppliers of all green cleaning products to an interview process, which Facilities plans to use to help us find the right list of green products to purchase for the cleaning of our buildings. Once this list is established and proper training is performed we will begin an in-house effort to do all green cleaning. When we renew the contract, we will also require our successful contractor to train staff and begin using these green products.
- Our intent is to have the entire green cleaning program in place and working before the beginning of the Fall 08 term.